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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: TALKS WITH SWAPO ON NAMIBIA

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1. DCM MET WITH SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT MUYONGO JUNE 27 TO DISCUSS SWAPO MEETING WITH CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK. MUYONGO SAID PROPOSED JULY 11 DATE FOR NEW YORK MEETING PROBABLY IS TOO EARLY FOR NUJOMA. HE SAID HE BELIEVED NUJOMA WOULD WANT
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TO HOLD A SWAPO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN LUSAKA AT UNSPECIFIED DATE FOLLOWING LIBREVILLE OAU SUMMIT AND PRIOR TO NEW YORK MEETING. MUYONGO SUGGESTED SWAPO WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEND A DELEGATION (INCLUDING NUJOMA) SOMEWHAT LATER THAN JULY 11. HE THOUGHT A DECISION WOULD BE MADE TO INCLUDE INTERNAL SWAPO REPS.

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2. MUYONGO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF MEETING WITH CONTACT GROUP AND POINTED OUT THAT SWAPO DELEGATION COULD MAKE DECISIONS ON THE SPOT IF THEY HAD PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. MUYONGO AGREED COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT TAKE PUBLIC HARD LINE AGAINST INITIATIVE AFTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. DCM SAID THAT INVITATION WOULD BE ISSUED BY CONTACT GROUP THROUGH BEN-GURIRAB IN NEW YORK; FUNDING OF SWAPO DELEGATION WAS NOT DISCUSSED. MUYONGO SAID THAT BEN-GURIRAB WOULD BE KEPT INFORMED OF SWAPO VIEWS ON TIMING AND COMPOSITION OF SWAPO DELEGATION.

3. AS IN PREVIOUS MEETING (SEE REFTEL A), MUYONGO VOICED CONCERN ABOUT PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN NAMIBIA AND IMPOSSIBILITY OF FREE ELECTIONS WITH HOSTILE FOREIGN MILITARY FORCE OCCUPYING TERRITORY. DCM WENT OVER ARGUMENTS ABOUT ASSURANCES OFFERED BY SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. HE AGREED TROOP QUESTION IS IMPORTANT AND STRESSED CONSEQUENT IMPORTANCE OF DISCUSSING ISSUE WITH CONTACT GROUP AND UN REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK.

4. MUYONGO SAID IT HAD BEEN REPORTED TO HIM THAT CONTACT GROUP HAD ALREADY DECIDED THAT NAMIBIAN ELECTIONS WERE TO BE PRESENTED TO SWAPO ON A "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT BASIS" AND THAT TURNHALLE DELEGATES HAVE ALREADY BEGUN CAMPAIGNING. DCM SAID HE WAS SURE THAT CONTACT GROUP HAD NOT PRESENTED PROPOSALS ON A "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT BASIS" AND SAID THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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IF SUCH REPORTS WERE MAKING THE ROUNDS, THIS POINTS UP THE NEED FOR A MEETING BETWEEN SWAPO AND CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK.

COMMENT: MUYONGO CLEARLY FAVORS SENDING HIGHEST LEVEL SWAPO DELEGATION TO NEW YORK AND WILL PRESS FOR SUCH ATTENDANCE. IF IT WERE UP TO MUYONGO, WE BELIEVE WE COULD BE CONFIDENT THAT SWAPO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD PRIOR TO NEW YORK MEETING WOULD NOT PRODUCE A HARD LINE PUBLIC POSITION. WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING NUJOMA, INVOLVED, THERE IS A DANGER THAT UNHELPFUL PUBLIC POSITIONS WILL BE TAKEN.
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